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Remarks

Applicants elect Invention I (claims 1-16 and 21) with traverse. The Examiner states that:

Inventions II and I are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP §806.05(f)). In the instant case the product recited can be made by another and materially different process that does not involve fluid pressure.

Claim 1 requires that "at least a portion of the bumper is characterized by a curvature that is the result of exposure to fluid pressure." Similarly, claim 21 recites that an inner panel and an outer panel of a bumper are "characterized by a curvature that is the result of exposure to fluid pressure." Thus, the product as claimed in claim 1, and claims 2-15 which depend therefrom, as well as the product as claimed in claim 21 requires a fluid pressure forming process, which is the process claimed in claims 17-20 (Invention II). Thus, Applicants believe that restriction for the reasons given is improper.

Respectfully submitted,

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